

WI-192  
Woodland Anderson House  
Whitehaven  
Private

c. 1935-40

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In 1906 the Leatherbury homestead property was sold to Woodland A. Anderson, in who family the property remained for the following fifty-eight years. Elsie L. Anderson, a widow, sold the house and lot in 1964 to John William and Jane West, who in turn sold it to the current owners in 1970.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WOODLAND ANDERSON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-192

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
Modern Period, 1930-Present
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-192

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WOODLAND ANDERSON HOUSE

and/or common BENNIE HOUSE

### 2. Location

street & number 23836 River Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Whitehaven ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Bennie

street &amp; number 23836 River Street telephone no.:

city, town Whitehaven state and zip code MD 21856

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1239 Map 65

street &amp; number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 605 P. 37

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. WI-206\* 192

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bennie house, also known as the Woodland Anderson house, stands at 23836 River Street in Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame house faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the mid-to-late 1930s, this story-and-a-half, ell-shaped frame house rests on a low brick foundation which is partially excavated and pierced by three-light windows. The exterior is clad with plain weatherboards, and the steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with wood shingles.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with the gable-front of the main block serving as the entrance wall. Attached to the east side of the main block is a story-and-a-half wing that gives the house its ell shape. Extending slightly forward of the main gable roof is a slightly shorter gable roofed entrance vestibule which is partially built of stretcher bond brick accented with square concrete blocks. The partially glazed front door is flanked on the east side by a six-pane casement window, and the upper gable end is marked by six-over-one sash window. Rising through the entrance vestibule against the main block is a part interior, part exterior brick chimney stack with tapered sides and small concrete accent panels. The main block is lighted on the west side of the entrance by a triple set of six-over-one sash windows, and the east side wing is illuminated by a triple set of casement windows.

The east gable end of the wing is marked by a triple set of casement windows on the first floor, and a six-over-one sash window lights the second floor. The first floor and half-story above are divided by a wide eave that stretches across the gable end as an extension of the lower pitch of the main roof.

The west side of the house features a shed dormer that extends across the full length of the main block, and paired six-over-one sash windows pierce the dormer wall. The first floor features six-over-one sash windows as well.

The back of the ell-shaped house features a single-story shed roofed addition with a single-flue brick chimney rising through the shed roofed kitchen against the north wall of the main block. A paired set of six-over-one sash windows lights the second floor, and a small two-over-two sash window is fixed in the peak of the gable end.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to the distinctive architectural nature of this house, it deserves listing in Category A, which identifies structures that must be retained since they are buildings that possess historic significance and/or exhibit many good architectural features of a particular style, and they contribute uniquely to the character of the historic district.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WI-102192

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

date 9/14/94

street &amp; number P. O. Box 5

telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover

state Maryland 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
514-7600

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WOODLAND ANDERSON HOUSE  
23836 River Street  
Whitehaven, Maryland  
Chain of title

1239/605                      Ralph F. Bennie  
                                 Lorna J. Bennie

to

12/10/1990                      Ralph F. Bennie, Jr.  
                                 Bruce L. Bennie  
                                 Keith A. Bennie  
                                 Jennifer J. Duplechain  
                                 William B. Bennie

JWTS 709/364                      John William West  
                                 Jane T. West

to

6/16/1970                      Ralph F. Bennie  
                                 Lorna J. Bennie

JWTS 589/401                      Elsie L. Anderson, widow

to

8/13/1964                      John William West  
                                 Jane T. West

IDT 213/258                      Emerson J. Taylor, et al.  
                                 Paul D. Mezick and Lydia C. Mezick

to

11/14/1938                      Woodland A. Anderson  
                                 Elsie L. Anderson  
                                 "Leatherbury Property"

JCK 124/353                      Elsie L. Anderson

to

1/20/1922                      Woodland A. Anderson      Item 5

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JCK 113/471                      Woodland A. Anderson

to

9/5/1919                      Elsie V. Anderson

EAT 62/280                      Daniel J. Elliott  
Lottie E. Elliott

to

4/19/1906                      Woodland A. Anderson  
\$1300      Lot No. 4 and Lot No. 7

JTT 34/228                      William K. Leatherbury  
Lillian M. Leatherbury

to

~~111/171~~1902                      Daniel J. Elliott  
\$1200

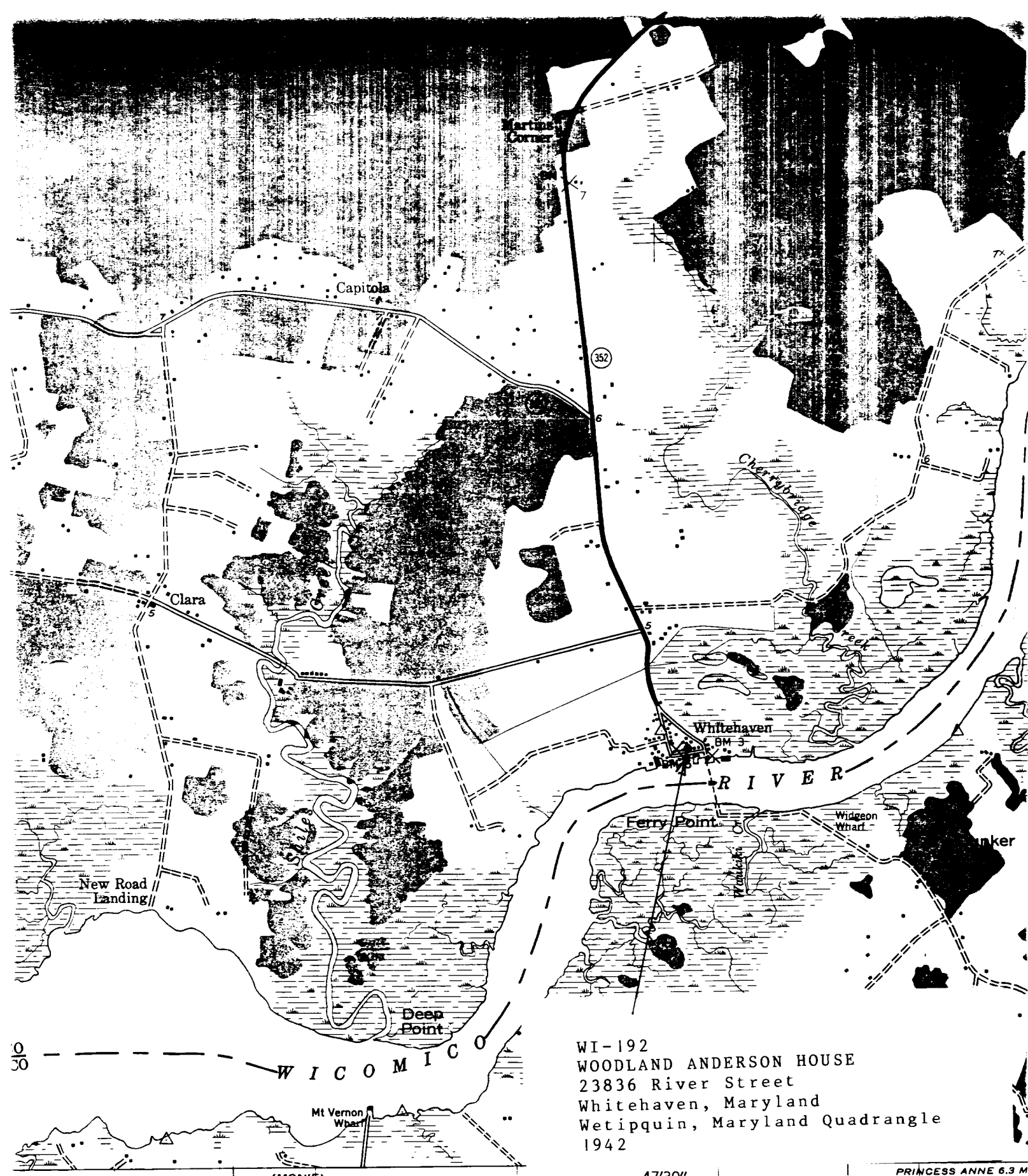
JTT 19/146                      E. Stanley Toadvine, trustee

to

2/6/1897                      William K. Leatherbury  
Circuit Court Case  
William K. Leatherbury et al. vs. Charles  
L. Leatherbury No. 1055 Equity Case-E.  
Stanley Toadvine was appointed to sell real  
estate to James L. Leatherbury



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WOODLAND ANDERSON HOUSE  
23836 River Street  
Wicomico County Tax Map 65  
Parcel 37



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WOODLAND ANDERSON HOUSE  
23836 River Street  
Whitehaven, Maryland  
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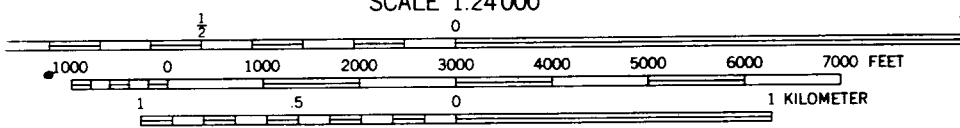
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